

191 Fountain Street
New Haven, CT
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Welcome to MASH MUSIC

To all band and strings students and parents,

Welcome back to the 2019/2020 school year. The MASH instrumental program will feature 5th-8th grade band and string students. That means it's time to get those band and string instruments and start playing! I am scheduling a mandatory band orientation for new students in mid september, you will get details on this ASAP. At this time, students will get an opportunity to try out the different instruments offered in beginning band. These are: flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, trumpet, french horn, trombone, tuba and percussion (which includes a bell set and drum pad). School instruments are first come first serve! By the end of the month everyone should have chosen an instrument to play in band! All band/string students should be set with their instrument and playing comfortably by September 30th, 2019.

All band classes will have at least one full band period for 45 minutes, and one group lesson on their instrument for 35 minutes per week. Students need to bring their instrument on the day of their band class, and the day of their scheduled lesson. It is super important and is part of their grade. Parents and guardians, you are instrumental in helping our students succeed. Please remind them to practice and bring their materials as you would for any other class. Set a consistent time and place that is convenient for the whole family for your child to practice their instrument. Do not practice immediately after you eat! Wash out your mouth before you play.

3rd-5th grade Beginner Ensembles will **perform December 18th 2PM and 7:00 PM** while the 6th-8th grade Advanced Ensembles will **perform on January 8th at 7 PM.** ***** As usual, students will need to return by 6 PM, dressed in concert attire and fed. Please make arrangements NOW so there are no issues for the concert.

Stay tuned for our 5th annual band orientation coming up on September 19th at 6:00 in the band room. This is MANDATORY for new 5th and 6th grade students and parents. All other returning students and families are not required, but encouraged to attend.

As always, I will briefly introduce myself and give an overview of my vision for the program to all parents and students. At 6:30 JC, from JC music store will speak to you about their instrument rental. Students will be able to try an instrument and rent from them that night. They will have band and string instruments.

Parents who cannot attend the band orientation will need to sign up for an individual meeting with me on the MASH band website.

Get information on our MASH band and strings website is **www.Mash-band.weebly.com**.

Sincerely,
Nick Drabik,
Band Director
nick.drabik@new-haven.k12.ct.us

STAY CONNECTED

Remind

Sign-Up for 2019-2020*****

Very important! Please sign up to receive messages and announcements for our band program on your cell phone by texting the code for your class to phone number 81010. This is the #1 communication platform for MASH Music this year. It is FREE, no charges from your carrier.

* 5th grade band: text **@mashband5** to phone number 81010

* 6th grade band: text **@mashband6** to phone number 81010

Advanced band for all 7th and 8th grade students plus any 6th grade students who are in advanced.

* 7th grade band: text **@mashband** to phone number 81010

* 8th grade band: text **@mashband** to phone number 81010

You must answer those questions or you will not be signed up.

If you are a parent, please identify yourself as a parent.

If you are student, please identify yourself as a student.

With your permission, your kids may join the remind app to receive communication from me regarding rehearsal reminders, assignment reminders, etc. Numbers are anonymous and private for your safety. They do not have to join remind if you are not comfortable with them doing so!

You do not need to download the **Remind** app to be signed up, but the app does have useful features you may enjoy so maybe check it out. This is all **free to use.**

Instrument Care + Supply List for the year

Students are expected to Store their instrument between 9 and 9:30 am, and Should pick them up between 3:15 and 3:45 pm.

All instruments MUST go home daily. ***MASH does not carry insurance and is NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ITEMS SUCH AS: Instruments, clothing, phones, money that are lost, stolen, or damaged in the band room or HOME.***

Items that are left out in the band room are at risk to be taken. You must cover the cost of the instrument if it is lost, damaged or stolen.

You are responsible for anything left in the band room under your care.

All Band Students Must buy:

1. [1 Inch, 3 Ring Binder](#) by September 30
2. [Binder Dividers](#)
3. [Pencil](#)

(You can buy these items by clicking the items to bring you to the amazon page to order for your convenience.)

Suggested for Woodwinds only:

FLUTE

[Swab – you want a silk swab with a string, like this one](#) made by Hodge. They come in different colors, so just get whichever one you like. You must swab out your instrument after you play it before packing it into the case, or the moisture will damage the instrument over time.

CLARINET

[Reeds – the Rico Royal brand \(the blue box NOT the orange box\) is recommended.](#) Size 2.5 is fine for 5th and 6th grade. By 7th grade or 8th grade, you should move to [size 3.0](#). The orange box reeds are terrible, they are cheap for a reason, do not buy them.

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MUSIC DEPT. Events

SEPTEMBER

- 5th annual band meet and greet night September 19th 6PM in the band room. (Required for all 5th and new 6th grade band/string parents) All other parents invited to attend.
- Music Fundraising Meeting: September 25th at 6 PM in the band room. Open to all parents.

OCTOBER

- New Haven Columbus Day Parade: Sunday, October 13, 2019 ▪ 1:00 pm (6-8th grade only)
- Westville Puppet Day Parade TBA
- Possible Board Meeting: Performance for Drumline Monday, October 28th, 2019

NOVEMBER

Hockey Game at Quinnipiac TBA

DECEMBER

- Holiday performances at Nursing Home TBA
- Holiday performances at Milford Mall TBA
- All-City Honors Monday, TBA
- **Winter Concert I Beginner Ensembles will perform December 18th 2PM, 7:00PM (3rd-5th grade)**
- Westville Tree Lighting Performance TBA
- **Southern Regional Auditions: December 7th @ Fair Haven**

JANUARY

- **Winter Concert II Advanced Ensembles will perform on January 8th at 7 PM. (6th -8th grade)**

FEBRUARY

- Yale February Winter Festival TBA

MARCH

- **St. Patrick's Day parade, 1:30 p.m, on Sunday, March 15, 2020.**
- **Southern Regional Performance: March 6-7, 2020 (snow dates 3/13-14) North Branford Intermediate School 654 Foxon Road North Branford, CT 06471**
- Simply Strings String Festival TBA
- Yale March Spring Festival TBA

MAY

- Yale Solo Festival
- Yale ACHE SPRING Concert May
- String Improv Masterclass TBA
- New Haven Band Adjudication (MAY Advanced band) TBA
- Westville Arts Society Performance
- Tentative trip to Six Flags pending approval (ADVANCED BAND)
- Tentative trip to Lake Compounce pending approval (6th grade band)

Spring Concert I Beginner Ensembles will perform TBA. (3rd-6th grade)

Spring Concert II Advanced Ensembles will perform TBA. (6th -8th grade)

Handbook Contract Signatures. (Please sign or initial below. Return to Mr. Drabik by September 30th for your child's first major grade.) Please read carefully.

_____ I know what the winter concert dates are this year. (SPRING performances TBA)

_____ I understand that I will have to make arrangements ahead of time for my child to be dropped off, dressed, and fed at school no later than 6:00 pm on the evening of our winter and spring concerts. This is a commitment that I make as part of being in the MASH Band family.

_____ I agree to allow my child's photo featured on the MASH FB page or Band weebly page.

_____ I have signed up for the REMIND band class text notification app, directions found on the STAY CONNECTED page of this packet.

Are you okay with communicating via regular text? Yes or No (circle one)

_____ I understand that I will plan a scheduled time each day that is convenient and consistent for the family. 100 minutes per week is required.

_____ I understand that if my child is removed from band, I will not get a refund of money.

_____ I understand that Mr. Drabik and the school is not responsible for lost or stolen instruments, or other items that are left in the band room, at home, at any event, during any time during the rental contract. I will replace the instrument if it is lost, stolen or damaged due to neglect.

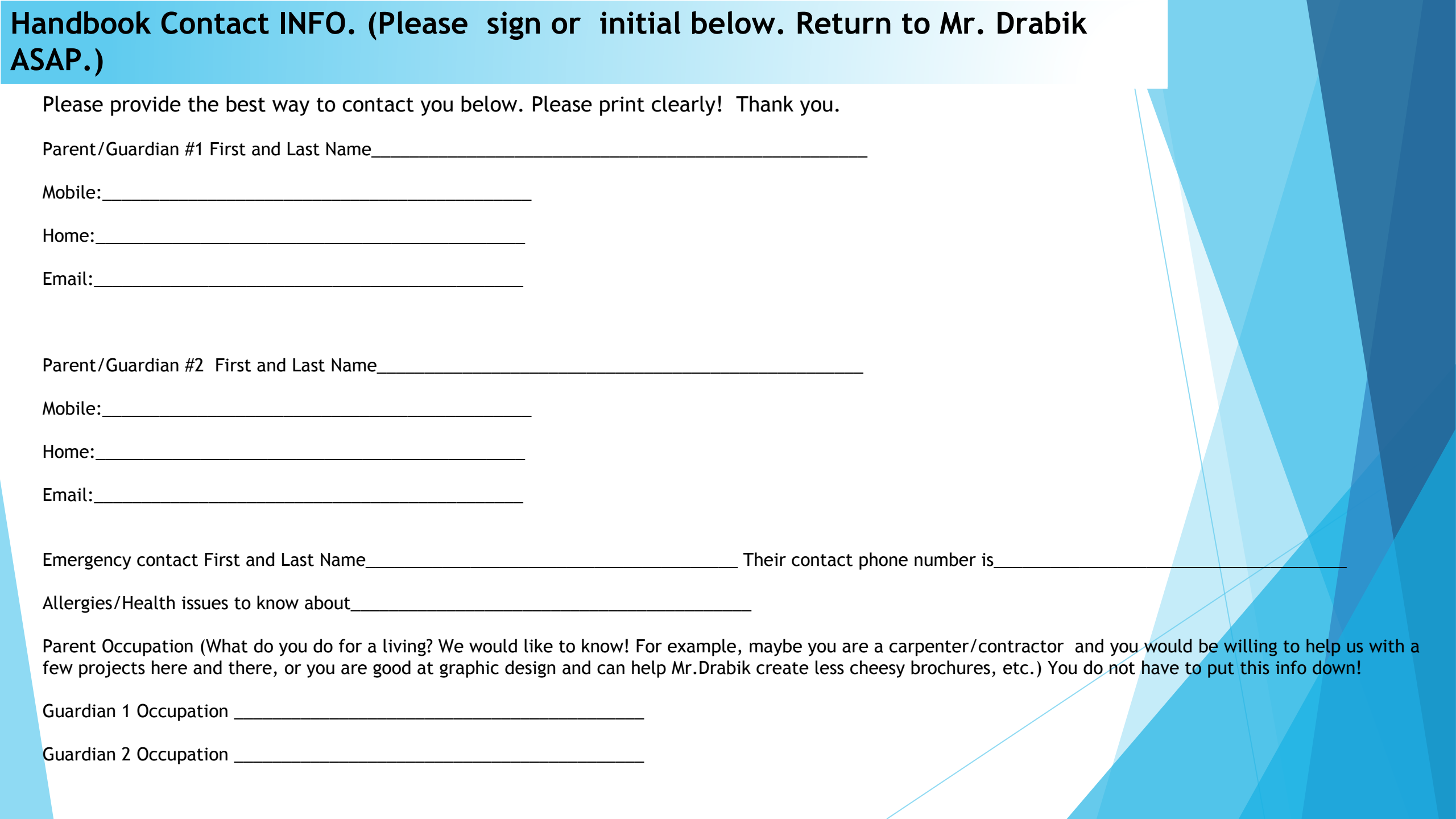
_____ I understand that if the instrument is not returned to school by June 15th, I will be charged a late fee of \$50 for every day late. If the instrument is not returned by the last day of school I will be billed to cover the cost of a new instrument as it is assumed a total loss for the program. Instruments that are not turned in miss being sent in for maintenance for the next year.

_____ I plan on attending the 5th annual MASH Band Meet and Greet night on September 19th at 6:00 in the band room. JC from JC Music will be here for students to try instruments sign contracts. Take home instruments that night. (Mandatory for 5th grade parents and new 6th grade parents)

_____ I plan on attending the first Music Fundraising meeting on September 25th at 6:00 PM in the band room.

_____ I understand that I will visit the MASH Instrumental website at www.mash-band.weebly.com regularly to find the latest information on trips, homework etc.

_____ I understand that I can email, text or call Mr. Drabik at any time with questions.



Handbook Contact INFO. (Please sign or initial below. Return to Mr. Drabik ASAP.)

Please provide the best way to contact you below. Please print clearly! Thank you.

Parent/Guardian #1 First and Last Name_____

Mobile:_____

Home:_____

Email:_____

Parent/Guardian #2 First and Last Name_____

Mobile:_____

Home:_____

Email:_____

Emergency contact First and Last Name_____ Their contact phone number is_____

Allergies/Health issues to know about_____

Parent Occupation (What do you do for a living? We would like to know! For example, maybe you are a carpenter/contractor and you would be willing to help us with a few projects here and there, or you are good at graphic design and can help Mr.Drabik create less cheesy brochures, etc.) You do not have to put this info down!

Guardian 1 Occupation _____

Guardian 2 Occupation _____